

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Northington *et al.*

Appl. No.: To be Assigned
(Continuation of 09/166,069)

Filed: Herewith

For: Open-Architecture System for Real-
Time Consolidation of Information
from Multiple Financial Systems

Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

Atty. Docket: 16762.093A

Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned
application prior to the examination thereof.

It is believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required
beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper.
However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this
application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a),
and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby
authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.

Amendments

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 8, before "claims", please insert --is a continuation of application number
09/166,069, filed October 5, 1998, and--.